



Indiana Department of Education

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

Indiana College Preparation Initiatives Summary

Preparation for college admission and college success requires a strong foundation in rigorous high school coursework. While the percentage of Indiana students entering college has significantly increased in the last several years, two and four-year college completion is one of the lowest in the country. A disappointingly large number of Hoosier high school graduates must take remedial college courses because they are unprepared for the rigors of college coursework.

The following is a summary of some of the key initiatives of the Indiana Department of Education and its collaborative partners to address many of these concerns in the area of College Preparation.

Student Academic Preparation

- Indiana Graduation Requirements - www.doe.in.gov/core40/diploma_requirements.html
 - Core 40 becomes a graduation requirement with next year's seniors (Class of 2011)
 - Core 40 with Academic Honors Diploma – new, more rigorous requirements begin with this year's senior students (Class of 2010)
 - Core 40 with Technical Honors Diploma - updated requirements recommend additional mathematics and world languages course work for admission to four-year colleges.
- Advanced Placement - www.doe.in.gov/opd/advpla/adv_pla.htm
 - IDOE's Jon Gubera is spearheading these efforts and is providing a separate report to the State Board
- International Baccalaureate Programme – www.doe.in.gov/opd/ib/welcome.html
 - Nineteen Indiana high schools are implementing IB Programmes.
 - One more high school will be added by the end of the school year.
 - Sarah Fronczek is IDOE point person
 - The Hoosier IB Network has been formed to assist IB schools
 - Challenge – no state incentives to encourage more schools to apply
- Dual credits
 - Dr. Bennett and Carol D'Amico sit on newly formed Dual Credit State Committee
 - IDOE Division of College & Career Preparation is creating 36 Indiana Career Pathways which will lead to dual credits, technical certificates or credentials in high wage and moderate-high demand occupations or newly emerging occupations
 - Challenges:
 - Multiple laws and rules that are confusing to schools, parents, students
 - Lack of clear and consistent college credit transferability information
 - High school teacher credentialing mismatch with college campus requirements
 - Lack of statewide dual credit articulation agreement
 - Need for assessment that predicts college placement

College Placement

- Carol D'Amico formed new group to look at system of college placement tools from secondary to postsecondary to adult education
- Challenges:
 - Colleges use different college placement assessments and cut scores
 - PSAT helps predict college admission – but does not predict college placement

College Admission

- PSAT administered on October 14th, 2009 to a record number of 10th graders
- Video training resources are being developed to help schools interpret PSAT scores for students
- State ACT college assessment scores steady to higher
- State SAT college assessment scores lower for third year

Collaborative Efforts

IDOE collaborates with:

- Learn More Indiana on the following efforts:
 - Producing K-12 student magazines that promote college and career preparation for ALL students and distributed to ALL Indiana accredited schools
 - www.learnmoreindiana.org/k12academics/Pages/20092010Publications.aspx
 - Supporting College GO! Week across Indiana – October 12 – 16th, 2009
 - Every senior applies for college, military, apprenticeship, or work
 - Every junior completes Learn More college & career preparation survey
 - Every sophomore completes PSAT
 - Every freshman completes Learn More college & career preparation survey
 - See www.learnmoreindiana.org/college/planning/Pages/CollegeGoWeek.aspx
 - Produced six FAFSA Financial Aid videos for students
 - See www.learnmoreindiana.org/college/paying/FinancialAid/Pages/home.aspx
- The Indiana Office of the College Board:
 - Training sessions on AP Potential provided to high school counselors by IDOE and College Board collaboration during Fall School Counselor Regional Workshops
 - Four online training modules in production to assist schools in PSAT interpretation
- The Indiana Commission for Higher Education:
 - The College and Career Success Initiative advisory committee has reviewed and revised Indiana College & Career Guidance Standards for students
 - Continued promotion of the E-Transcript to Indiana high schools
 - www.learnmoreindiana.org/college/applying/AdmissionsRequirements/Pages/IndianaETranscript.aspx
 - IDOE-CHE training program for No Excuses University (an innovative national college awareness program for elementary schools)
 - See <http://turnaroundschools.com/neu-network/>